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For : CONTAINER LABEL WITH TEAR-OFF PART

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES

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In response to the Office Action dated July 6, 2005, requiring an election of species for prosecution on the merits in the above-identified application, applicants hereby elect the species of Group 2, drawn to Figure 7.

This election is made without traverse, but without prejudice to the prosecution of claims to the nonelected species in the present application (if a generic claim is found allowable) or in a divisional application.

Claims readable on the elected species are claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25. Of these, claims 1 - 4 and 8 -24 are generic to both species; claims 6, 7 and 25 are specific to the elected species.

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